

AGENCY AT A
glance
 SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 5,340** impaired drivers arrested
- 15,278** collisions investigated
- 114** fatality collisions
- 13,843** distracted drivers
- 13,142** seatbelt violations
- 57,917** aggressive driver contacts
- 164,209** excessive speed contacts
- 20,007** CMV inspections

>> NEXT WEEK
Property Management Division in-Service



RECOGNITION - Chief John R. Batiste visited the Property Management Division (PMD) during their annual in-service earlier this month. Check out next week to see award winners.

HAVE IDEAS YOU WANT TO SHARE?

SEND THEM IN - We strive to highlight the amazing work across the agency. If you have something happening in your division or district you would like to see highlighted in a future edition of *The Milepost*, please e-mail pio@wsp.wa.gov.



WSP's 18th CVEO Class graduates



OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) graduated 10 new Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEOs) Thursday who will report for duty throughout the state. The newly graduated CVEOs completed 24 weeks of training: 14 weeks of classroom at the WSP Academy in Shelton and 10 weeks in the field alongside a field training officer. "You have embarked on a very special job - one that helps save lives," said Chief John R. Batiste during the ceremony, held at the Helen Somers Building. "We have been very busy as an organization over the course of this year already. Our fatality recap for the state for last year is not moving in the right direction. "These folks will be instrumental in helping us curb that trend in the right direction, and for that, I am indebted." It was standing room only as family, friends, and now colleagues watched on in support of the new members of the WSP family. The 10 new graduates will fill posts at School Bus North (Marysville), Moses Lake, Shelton, Ridgefield Port of Entry, Bellevue, Bow Hill Point of Entry, School Bus East (Kennewick), Plymouth Port of Entry, School Bus West (Tumwater), and School Bus West (Vancouver). To learn more about the graduates or view additional photos from the ceremony visit [here](#). To watch a live stream of the ceremony, visit [here](#).



Emphasis patrols for Hoopfest 2023

SPOKANE, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers are focusing their efforts on the roadways near Spokane in anticipation for this weekend's Hoopfest 2023. Hoopfest historically has been the largest three-on-three basketball tournament in the country, bringing extra traffic and congestion to the area roadways. WSP troopers, including motors and aviation, are focusing on collision causing violations to help ensure everyone can get to and from the games safely.



>>> PATROL PERSPECTIVES: Podcast discusses community oriented policing



BREMERTON, Wash. - Listen to WSP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Consultant Pat McGregor [host a discussion](#) about Community Oriented Policing between WSP District 8 and the local NAACP chapter. Joining McGregor is DEI Consultant Savannah Chenevert, District 8 Captain James Mjor, and NAACP president Robert Harris.

New WSP RDF team members complete basic training



SHELTON, Wash. - The newest members of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) team completed their basic training at the WSP Academy in Shelton last week. New members of the team are traditionally sent to Alabama to complete the training. This time, the talented instructors came to our team, and also provided training to members of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

WSP, Pierce County SWAT train together on WSF



BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash. - Washington State Patrol's (WSP's) Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team partnered with the Pierce County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) SWAT team to train on ferry vessel tactics last week. The teams jointly familiarized themselves with vessel layout, worked on clearing a vessel, and participated in complex scenarios. The training provided challenges to all aspects of the SWAT teams and further advanced their vessel knowledge. The training provided a great opportunity to continue building relationships amongst teams around the state.

WSP Detective Basic Training underway

OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol's (WSP's) Detective Basic training class is underway! The class learned about crime scene photography, latent prints, trace evidence gathering, digital evidence collection, as well as an introduction to the various programs within the WSP.



PEAR team hosts in-person meeting



OLYMPIA, Wash. - The members of the Washington State Patrol's Pro-Equity Anti-Racism (PEAR) team were excited to meet for the first time in-person earlier this month. The team is comprised of members across the agency as well as members of the community we serve. For more information on PEAR, please visit [here](#).



WSP D7, Edmonds PD conduct ferry emphasis



EDMONDS, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 7 troopers and Edmonds Police department officers conducted a four-hour traffic emphasis near the Edmonds Ferry Terminal to address ferry line cutting and other safety issues that have turned into road rage incidents in the area.

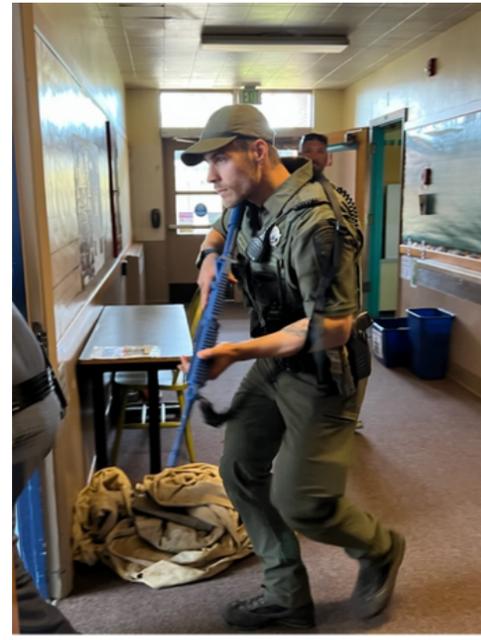
Badges & Brews: Aberdeen



ABERDEEN, Wash. - Washington State Patrol District 8 troopers attended the Aberdeen Starbucks Badges and Brews event earlier this month. Proceeds from those attending went toward providing life jackets and helmets to children in Grays Harbor County.

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Jefferson County law enforcement, aid partner for active shooter training



QUILCENE, Wash. - Washington State Patrol's (WSP's) troopers, along with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office deputies, Department of Fish and Wildlife officers partnered with local fire and aid crews for an active shooter training scenario at the Quilcene School District this week. The training allows responders to familiarize themselves with other agencies, their policies, and what to expect in the instance of an active shooter scenario.



Coffee with a Cop: Snohomish County



ABERDEEN, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 7 troopers participated in a Coffee with a Cop event with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office earlier this month.

CVEB partners with border patrol for emphasis patrol near Sumas

SUMAS, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol's (WSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau (CVEB) partnered with the US Border Patrol to conduct a joint emphasis. The emphasis took place May 9, 2023 Port of Entry (POE) in Sumas, which operates 24-hours per day.

Members of the WSP Motor Carrier Safety Division (MCSO) assigned to the Bow Hill Port of Entry as well as other members of CVEB conducted 23 inspections during the eight-hour emphasis. Of those vehicles inspected, 35 percent were placed out-of-service (OOS) for violations ranging from brakes and no operating authority to vehicles being over width.

Trucks entering Washington State through the Sumas POE are inadvertently directed to state Route 9 which leads drivers to Interstate 5 south of the Bow Hill POE.

A Vehicle Weigh in Motion (VWIM) system was installed on SR 9 in 2019 to assist enforcement officers with identifying over weight trucks as well as other commercial vehicles that may be using SR 9 as a bypass to the Bow Hill POE. The VWIM system is monitored at the Bow Hill POE as well as by other enforcement officers working remotely in the area.

The results of the emphasis serve as a reminder to WSP CVEB officers that commercial vehicles using SR-9 are not just susceptible to being overweight, but are also just as likely to have other OOS violations.

"Over the years, the Sumas POE has encountered numerous commercial drivers that will drive significantly out of their way in attempts to avoid WSP inspections at the weight stations" stated Canadian Border Patrol Officer Zachery Rehon. "My goal for this operation is to have Sumas CBP and Bow Hill WSP work jointly to target random commercial traffic inbound from Canada, conducting spot checks for public safety and prohibited items."

Due to the success of the recent emphasis, Sumas Border Patrol personnel and WSP CVEB officers plan to continue periodic emphasis in the area, with the goal moving forward of conducting a quarterly emphasis. Not only will this be a great way to enhance and build inter agency relationships, but will go a long way toward making Washington roadways safer.

"We strive to ensure we have the safest roadways in the nation, a mission that is met with the joint partnership of our dedicated officers and our allied agency partners." stated Captain Jason Cuthbert, Commander of the WSP Motor Carrier Safety Division.



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WSP District 1 Spring 2023 Chief Tour



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